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2018 Pommard Clone, Estate Pinot Noir



Vineyards

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Pinot Noir.

Growing Season

2018 delivered a late but incredible harvest. Beautiful weather during bloom allowed for a bounty of exceptional fruit. A cool, foggy summer with no heat events ensured slow even ripening, vibrant acidity and superb flavor development.

Vinification

All fruit is hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity. After a 5-7 day cold soak, fruit is fermented with native yeast in both open and closed top tanks. The wine is then drawn off and the must placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. All wines complete malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. The vineyard blocks are kept separate for evaluation and the best blocks are racked together in late Spring to assemble the finest expression of Carneros. The wine is returned to barrel to allow the blend to marry before the August bottling.

Tasting Notes

I hear my sister (Dijon Clone) is already telling lies. Yes, it's true. I'm juicy. I'm succulent. Heck, I'm even bigger and bolder than some of my Cabernet friends here in Napa. But does that make me a villain? Dijon Clone is just a spicy diva, jealous of the flirtatious relationship I've already created with wine drinkers. Yes, you and I both know who you're leaving with.

Appellation
Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard
Estate

Aging
10 months

Harvest Dates
September 17, 2018

Bottling Date
August 15, 2019

Maturation
30% new French oak

PH
3.8

TA
5.1 g/L

RS
0 g/L

Alcohol
14.5%

Production
500 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail
\$65